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1. SUMMARY. LEADING TAIPEI PAPERS NOVEMBER 22 SAW NOTHING OF SUBSTANCE RESULTING FROM PRESIDENT FORD'S JAPAN VISIT. KMT'S OFFICIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS EXPECTED SAME FORMALITY-OVER-SUBSTANCE AT VLADIVOSTOK. SEEMS THIS DESIGNED TO ALLAY ANY TAIWAN PUBLIC APPREHENSION. END SUMMARY.

2. LEADING UNITED DAILY NEWS (320,000) SAID CONCLUSION OF PRESIDENT'S JAPAN VISIT WITHOUT SERIOUS DEMONSTRATIONS WAS IN ITSELF VERY SIGNIFICANT, PROVING THAT EXPECTED RISKS WERE NOT REALLY THERE. FORD'S HISTORIC CALL WAS GIFT TO JAPAN IN EXCHANGE FOR COOPERATION IN SOLVING WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS; THAT WAS BASIC MOTIVE FOR VISIT. U.S. PAID THE ADDITIONAL PRICE OF PROMISING NO MORE NIXON-TYPE SHOCKS IN FUTURE. THUS FORD BRIEFED JAPANESE ON UPCOMING TALKS WITH BREZHNEV AND WILL SEND UNCLASSIFIED

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KISSINGER BACK TO BRIEF ON PEKING VISIT. PAPER SAID

ONLY TIME WOULD TELL WHAT WAS ACTUALLY AGREED UPON IN
TOKYO BUT THOUGHT THERE WERE NO SERIOUS TALKS ON
TICKLISH NUCLEAR WEAPONS ISSUE.

3. INFLUENTIAL CHINA TIMES (280,000) IN FRONTPAGE
COMMENTARY SAID TANAKA TOLD FORD OF JAPAN'S RELATIONS
WITH ROC IN ABSENCE OF DIPLOMATIC TIES. PAPER SAID
JAPANESE TOLD AMERICANS THAT SITUATION ON KOREAN
PENINSULA AND IN TAIWAN STRAITS RELATED TO JAPAN'S
SECURITY. THIS IS INDICATION THAT U.S. HASN'T
PRECIPITOUSLY CHANGED BASIC POLICY IN WESTERN PACIFIC
DESPITE DETENTE EFFORTS WITH MOSCOW AND PEKING.

4. KMT'S OFFICIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS EXPECTED SAME
FORMALITY-OVER-SUBSTANCE TREATMENT AT VLADIVOSTOK.
THIS SEEMS DESIGNED TO ALLAY ANY TAIWAN PUBLIC
APPREHENSIONS. PAPER SAID ANY CONSTRUCTIVE RESULTS
OF NOW FREQUENT INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT PARLEYS ARE POSSIBLE
ONLY WHEN PARTIES SHARE THE SAME IDEAS, THOUGHTS OR
MUTUAL INTERESTS. THOSE BASIC CONSIDITIONS ARE NOT
FOUND IN THE VLADIVOSTOK CONFAB. PAPER THOUGHT U.S.
COULD NOT MEET SEOUL REQUESTS FOR AID IN MODERNIZING
ROK'S 600-THOUSAND-MAN ARMY. PAPER SAW THE TOKYO,
SEOUL STOPS AS BASICALLY COURTESY VISITS TO FREE
COUNTRIES.
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